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***"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION
STATUTES."***

1 Strike line 163 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
2 "2001, or which applied for a grant by [May 15, 2000] June 30, 2001,
3 with prior"

4 In line 427, after the comma insert "or documented completion of a
5 national board certification assessment in the appropriate endorsement
6 area,"

7 Strike line 858 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

8 "1950, except that a board of education may apply to the department
9 by June 30, 2002, for use of such increased percentage for a building
10 constructed prior to July 1, 1951."

11 Strike section 29 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
12 thereof:

13 "Sec. 29. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 173 of
14 the general statutes, a local or regional board of education may design
15 and construct a central kitchen facility to provide food services to its
16 public schools and shall be eligible for a school construction grant at
17 the rate of reimbursement pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-285a
18 of the general statutes. Such project may also include costs for
19 alterations, expansions or creation of existing or new kitchen facilities
20 in its schools to accommodate the new method of centralized food
21 service preparation. Such projects shall not be subject to the standard
22 space specification requirements for school construction projects, but
23 shall be of reasonable size and scope as approved by the
24 Commissioner of Education."

25 Strike line 1177 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
26 thereof:

27 "(a) The Board of"

28 Strike line 1180 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
29 thereof:

30 "at the pleasure of the board of trustees."

31 After line 1338 insert the following and renumber the remaining
32 section accordingly:

33 "Sec. 48. Subsection (j) of section 10-16p of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

35 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
36 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
37 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the
38 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision
39 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

40 Sec. 49. Subsection (c) of section 10-76i of the general statutes is
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

42 (c) The advisory council shall: (1) Advise the state Department of
43 Education of unmet needs in educating children with disabilities and
44 on the administration of the provisions of sections 10-94f to 10-94k,
45 inclusive; (2) review periodically the laws, regulations, standards and
46 guidelines pertaining to special education and recommend to the
47 General Assembly and the State Board of Education any changes
48 which it finds necessary; (3) comment on any new or revised
49 regulations, standards and guidelines proposed for issuance; (4)
50 participate with the State Board of Education in the development of
51 any state [plan] eligibility documents for provision of special
52 education; (5) comment publicly on any procedures necessary for
53 distributing federal funds received pursuant to the [Education of the
54 Handicapped Act, 89 Stat. 774 (1975)] Individuals with Disabilities
55 Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as from time to time amended; (6)
56 assist the state Department of Education in developing and reporting
57 such data and evaluations as may be conducted pursuant to the
58 provisions of said act; [and] (7) report to the General Assembly not
59 later than January fifteenth in the odd-numbered years and not later
60 than February fifteenth in the even-numbered years, concerning
61 recommendations for effecting changes in the special education laws;
62 and (8) perform any other such activity that is required by the
63 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400, et seq., as
64 from time to time amended.

65 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is
66 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

67 (b) The percentage of school building project grant money a regional
68 board of education may be eligible to receive under the provisions of
69 section 10-286 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall
70 be determined by (1) multiplying the total population, as defined in
71 section 10-261, of each town in the district by such town's ranking, as
72 determined in subsection (a) of this section, (2) adding together the
73 figures determined under (1), and (3) dividing the total computed
74 under (2) by the total population of all towns in the district. The
75 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the

76 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same
77 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank [. In
78 the case of a school building project (A) in a secondary regional school
79 district, such reimbursement percentage shall be increased by five per
80 cent and (B) in a regional school district accommodating pupils in
81 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, such reimbursement
82 percentage shall be increased by ten per cent] plus ten per cent, except
83 that no such percentage shall exceed eighty-five per cent.

84 Sec. 51. Subsection (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is
85 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

86 (b) The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its
87 members. Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and within available
88 appropriations, the commission may appoint an executive director and
89 such other employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the
90 duties of the commission. Notwithstanding any provision of the
91 general statutes, the executive director shall have the option to elect
92 participation in the State Employees Retirement System, or the
93 alternate retirement program established for eligible employees in
94 higher education or the Teachers' Retirement System.

95 Sec. 52. Section 10a-6b of the general statutes is amended by adding
96 subsection (g) as follows:

97 (NEW) (g) Each constituent unit of higher education shall submit an
98 accountability report to the Commissioner of Higher Education
99 annually, by January first. The commissioner shall compile the reports
100 and shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a consolidated
101 accountability report for the state system of higher education to the
102 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
103 of matters relating to education annually, by February first. The report
104 shall contain accountability measures for each constituent unit and
105 public institution of higher education pursuant to subsections (a) and
106 (b) of this section. The report shall include updated baseline and peer
107 comparison data, performance improvement targets for each measure,

108 and other information as determined by the commissioner.

109 Sec. 53. Subsection (m) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
110 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

111 (m) (1) The State Board of Education may revoke any certificate,
112 authorization or permit issued pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149,
113 inclusive, for any of the following reasons: [(1)] (A) The holder of the
114 certificate, authorization or permit obtained such certificate,
115 authorization or permit through fraud or misrepresentation of a
116 material fact; [(2)] (B) the holder has persistently neglected to perform
117 the duties for which [certification] the certificate, authorization or
118 permit was granted; [(3)] (C) the holder is professionally unfit to
119 perform the duties for which [certification] the certificate,
120 authorization or permit was granted; [(4)] (D) the holder is convicted
121 in a court of law of a crime involving moral turpitude or of any other
122 crime of such nature that in the opinion of the board continued
123 [certification] holding of a certificate, authorization or permit by the
124 person would impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or
125 permits issued by the board; or [(5)] (E) other due and sufficient cause.
126 The State Board of Education shall revoke any certificate, authorization
127 or permit issued pursuant to said sections if the holder is found to
128 have intentionally disclosed specific questions or answers to students
129 or otherwise improperly breached the security of any administration of
130 a state-wide examination pursuant to section 10-14n. In any revocation
131 proceeding pursuant to this section, the State Board of Education shall
132 have the burden of establishing the reason for such revocation by a
133 preponderance of the evidence. Revocation shall be in accordance with
134 procedures established by the State Board of Education pursuant to
135 chapter 54.

136 (2) When the Commissioner of Education is notified, pursuant to
137 section 17a-101i that a person holding a certificate, authorization or
138 permit issued by the State Board of Education under the provisions of
139 sections 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, has been convicted of [a crime
140 involving an act of child abuse or a violation of section 53a-71 or

141 section 53a-73a] (A) a capital felony, pursuant to section 53a-54b, (B)
142 arson murder, pursuant to section 53a-54d, (C) a class A felony, (D) a
143 class B felony, except a violation of section 53a-122, 53a-252 or 53a-291,
144 (E) a crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect as described in
145 section 46b-120, or (F) a violation of section 53-21, 53-37a, 53a-60b, 53a-
146 60c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-88, 53a-99, 53a-103a, 53a-
147 181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196c, 53a-216, 53a-217b or 21a-278 or
148 subsection (a) of section 21a-277, any certificate, permit or
149 authorization issued by the State Board of Education and held by such
150 person shall be deemed revoked and the commissioner shall notify
151 such person of such revocation, provided such person may request
152 reconsideration pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of
153 Education, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

154 (3) The State Board of Education may deny an application for
155 [certification] a certificate, authorization or permit for any of the
156 following reasons: (A) The applicant seeks to obtain a certificate,
157 authorization or permit through fraud or misrepresentation of a
158 material fact; (B) the applicant has been convicted in a court of law of a
159 crime involving moral turpitude or of any other crime of such nature
160 that in the opinion of the board issuance of a certificate, authorization
161 or permit would impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or
162 permits issued by the board; or (C) other due and sufficient cause. Any
163 applicant denied a certificate, authorization or permit shall be notified
164 in writing of the reasons for denial. Any applicant denied a certificate,
165 authorization or permit may request a review of such denial by the
166 State Board of Education.

167 Sec. 54. Section 10-145i of the general statutes is repealed and the
168 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

169 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-144o to 10-146b,
170 inclusive, and 10-149, the State Board of Education shall not issue or
171 reissue any certificate pursuant to said sections if (1) the applicant for
172 such certificate has been convicted of any of the following: (A) A
173 capital felony, as defined in section 53a-54b; (B) arson murder, as

174 defined in section 53a-54d; (C) any Class A felony; (D) any Class B
175 felony except a violation of section 53a-122, 53a-252 or ~~[53a-292]~~ 53a-
176 291; (E) a crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect as described
177 in section 46b-120; or ~~[(E)]~~ (F) a violation of section 53-21, 53-37a, 53a-
178 60b, 53a-60c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-88, 53a-99, 53a-103a,
179 [53a-181b,] 53a-181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196c, 53a-216, 53a-217b or
180 21a-278 or a violation of subsection (a) of section 21a-277, and (2) the
181 applicant completed serving the sentence for such conviction within
182 the five years immediately preceding the date of the application.

183 Sec. 55. Section 10-221d of the general statutes is repealed and the
184 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

185 (a) On and after July 1, 1994, each local and regional board of
186 education shall (1) require each applicant for a position in a public
187 school to state whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime
188 or whether criminal charges are pending against such person at the
189 time of [his] application, [and] (2) require, subject to the provisions of
190 subsection (d) of this section, each person hired by the board after July
191 1, 1994, to submit to state and national criminal history records checks
192 within [ninety] thirty days from the date of employment [. Any local or
193 regional board of education] and may require, subject to the provisions
194 of subsection (d) of this section, any person hired prior to said date to
195 submit to state and national criminal history records checks, and (3)
196 require each worker placed within a school under a public assistance
197 employment program who performs a service involving direct student
198 contact to submit to state and national criminal history records checks
199 within thirty days from the date such worker begins to perform such
200 service. The board or a regional educational service center pursuant to
201 subsection (b) of this section shall request the state criminal history
202 records check for each such person from the State Police Bureau of
203 Identification. The board or such regional educational service center
204 shall arrange for the fingerprinting of each such person and forward
205 the fingerprints to said bureau which shall submit the fingerprints to
206 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history
207 records check. The board or the regional educational service center

208 may charge each such person a fee for the national criminal history
209 records check which shall not exceed the fee charged by the Federal
210 Bureau of Investigation for performing the check. If the local or
211 regional board of education receives notice of a conviction of a crime
212 which has not previously been disclosed by such person to the board,
213 the board may (A) terminate the contract of a certified employee, in
214 accordance with the provisions of section 10-151, and (B) dismiss a
215 noncertified employee provided such employee is notified of the
216 reason for such dismissal, is provided the opportunity to file with the
217 board, in writing, any proper answer to such criminal conviction and a
218 copy of the notice of such criminal conviction, the answer and the
219 dismissal order are made a part of the records of the board. In
220 addition, if the local or regional board of education receives notice of a
221 conviction of a crime by a person holding a certificate, authorization or
222 permit issued by the State Board of Education, the local or regional
223 board of education shall send such notice to the State Board of
224 Education. The supervisory agent of a private school may require any
225 applicant for a position in such school or any employee of such school
226 to submit to state and national criminal history records checks in
227 accordance with the procedures described in this subsection.

228 (b) If a local or regional board of education requests, a regional
229 educational service center shall arrange for fingerprinting pursuant to
230 subsection (a) of this section and forward such fingerprints for state
231 and national criminal history records checks. Such regional
232 educational service centers shall provide the results of such checks to
233 such local or regional board of education. Such regional educational
234 service centers shall provide such results to any other local or regional
235 board of education or regional educational service center upon the
236 request of the person fingerprinted.

237 (c) State and national criminal history records checks for substitute
238 teachers completed within one year prior to the date of employment
239 with a local or regional board of education and submitted to the
240 employing board of education shall meet the requirements of
241 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. A local or regional

242 board of education shall not require substitute teachers to submit to
243 state and national criminal history records checks pursuant to
244 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if they are continuously
245 employed by such local or regional board of education. For purposes
246 of this section, substitute teachers shall be deemed to be continuously
247 employed by a local or regional board of education if they are
248 employed at least one day of each school year by such local or regional
249 board of education.

250 (d) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person
251 required to submit to a criminal history records check pursuant to the
252 provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-44.

253 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a student
254 employed by the local or regional school district in which the student
255 attends school.

256 (3) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section requiring state
257 and national criminal history records checks shall, at the discretion of a
258 local or regional board of education, apply to a person employed by a
259 local or regional board of education as a teacher for a noncredit adult
260 class or adult education activity, as defined in section 10-67, who is not
261 required to hold a teaching certificate pursuant to section 10-145b for
262 his or her position.

263 (e) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a
264 database of applicants for an initial issuance of certificate,
265 authorization or permit pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149,
266 inclusive, to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police
267 Bureau of Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records
268 check against such database and notify the State Board of Education of
269 any such applicant who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
270 Education shall not issue a certificate, authorization or permit until it
271 receives and evaluates the results of such check and may deny an
272 application in accordance with the provisions of subsection (m) of
273 section 10-145b, as amended by this act.

274 (f) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a
275 database of all persons who hold certificates, authorizations or permits
276 to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police Bureau of
277 Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records check
278 against such database and shall notify the State Board of Education of
279 any such person who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
280 Education may revoke the certificate, authorization or permit of such
281 person in accordance with the provisions of subsection (m) of section
282 10-145b, as amended by this act.

283 Sec. 56. (NEW) Prior to hiring any person, a local or regional board
284 of education shall make a documented good faith effort to contact
285 previous employers of the person in order to obtain information and
286 recommendations which may be relevant to the person's fitness for
287 employment.

288 Sec. 57. Section 8-265pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
289 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

290 The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall develop and
291 administer a program of mortgage assistance to certified teachers (1)
292 employed by priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, (2)
293 employed by transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c,
294 (3) employed by regional vocational-technical schools located in such
295 priority or transitional school districts, or [(3)] (4) who teach in a
296 subject matter shortage area pursuant to section 10-8b. Such assistance
297 shall be available to eligible teachers for the purchase of a house as
298 their principal residence, provided, in the case of a teacher employed
299 by a priority or a transitional school district, or by a regional
300 vocational-technical school located in a priority or transitional school
301 district, the house is located in such district. In making mortgage
302 assistance available under the program, the authority shall utilize
303 downpayment assistance or any other appropriate housing subsidies.
304 The terms of any mortgage assistance shall allow the mortgagee to
305 realize a reasonable portion of the equity gain upon sale of the
306 mortgaged property. For purposes of this section, "minorities" means

307 those whose racial ancestry is defined as other than white by the
308 Bureau of Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

309 Sec. 58. (NEW) (a) The Department of Education shall conduct a
310 study of the relationship between admissions scores and performance
311 within the regional vocational technical school system using the classes
312 graduating in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

313 (b) The department shall report periodically, in accordance with this
314 subsection and section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the study to the
315 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
316 of matters relating to education.

317 (1) On or before January 1, 2002, the department shall describe (A)
318 the number and distribution of students by class in each of the regional
319 vocational-technical schools, (B) the format and contents of the initial
320 data base developed to carry out the study, (C) the measures, such as
321 the scores on the state-wide tenth grade mastery examination under
322 section 10-14n of the general statutes, grade point average, class rank,
323 dropout rates, or trade specific assessment tests, selected to assess the
324 ability of the individual components of the admissions score to predict
325 success in the vocational-technical school, and (D) any other factors the
326 department deems relevant to conducting the study or understanding
327 the results of the study;

328 (2) On or before January 1, 2003, the department shall present
329 preliminary results of the study based on data analysis through the
330 first quarter of the school year commencing in 2002, including the
331 relevance of the individual components of the admissions score to the
332 assessment measures, and shall provide statistics on the number of
333 students from each class for the classes graduating in 2003, 2004 and
334 2005 who have withdrawn from a vocational-technical school;

335 (3) On or before January 1, 2004, the department shall (A) present
336 final results for the class of 2003, including graduation rates and the
337 results of the post graduation survey, (B) using such results, predict
338 the probability of a vocation-technical school student being successful

339 based on the components of the student's admissions score, and (C)
340 evaluate the results and discuss whether it feels any changes are
341 needed in the admissions policies;

342 (4) On or before January 1, 2005, the department shall present the
343 final results for the class of 2004, and explain any differences between
344 said class and the class of 2003; and

345 (5) On or before January 1, 2006, the department shall submit its
346 final report, including (A) final results for the class of 2005, (B) using
347 such results, predict the probability of a vocational-technical school
348 student being successful based on the elements of the student's
349 admissions score, and (C) describe any changes it intends to make in
350 the system's admissions policies.

351 Sec. 59. Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the
352 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

353 (a) The State Board of Education may establish and maintain a state-
354 wide system of regional vocational-technical schools offering full-time,
355 part-time and evening programs in vocational, technical and
356 technological education and training. The board may make regulations
357 controlling the admission of students to any such school. The
358 Commissioner of Education, in accordance with policies established by
359 the board, may appoint and remove members of the staffs of such
360 schools and make rules for the management of and expend the funds
361 provided for the support of such schools. The board may enter into
362 cooperative arrangements with local and regional boards of education,
363 private occupational schools, institutions of higher education, job
364 training agencies and employers in order to provide general education,
365 vocational, technical or technological education or work experience.

366 (b) If the New England Association of Schools and Colleges places a
367 regional vocational-technical school on probation or otherwise notifies
368 the superintendent of the vocational-technical school system that a
369 regional vocational-technical school is at risk of losing its accreditation,
370 the Commissioner of Education shall notify the joint standing

371 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
372 relating to education of such placement or problems relating to
373 accreditation.

374 (c) The State Board of Education shall establish specific achievement
375 goals for students at the vocational-technical schools at each grade
376 level. The board shall measure the performance of each vocational-
377 technical school and shall identify a set of quantifiable measures to be
378 used. The measures shall include factors such as performance on the
379 state-wide tenth grade mastery examination under section 10-14n,
380 trade-related assessment tests, dropout rates and graduation rates.

381 Sec. 60. (NEW) The director of each regional vocation-technical
382 school shall meet with members of the business community within the
383 geographic area the regional vocational-technical school to develop a
384 plan to assess workforce needs and implement curriculum
385 modifications to address those needs.

386 Sec. 61. The Department of Education shall apply for funding and
387 participation in the Troops to Teachers Program sponsored by the
388 federal government. Upon receipt of funding, the Department of
389 Education shall establish a program in conformance with federal
390 requirements and encourage participation in the program.

391 Sec. 62. Subsection (d) of section 10-262j of the general statutes is
392 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

393 (d) (1) For the year ending June 30, 1994, the regular program
394 expenditures of a town shall be not less than the greater of the
395 foundation for such year multiplied by the total need students of the
396 town for the prior school year or an amount equal to the sum of (A) the
397 regular program expenditures for the town for the prior fiscal year,
398 and (B) the amount of the aid increase paid to the town as calculated
399 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, except that no town shall be
400 required to spend more on regular program expenditures than one
401 hundred five per cent of the product of the foundation for such year
402 and the total need students of the town for the prior school year.

403 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, the regular program
404 expenditures of a town shall be not less than the greater of the
405 foundation for such year multiplied by the total need students of the
406 town for the prior school year or an amount equal to the sum of (A) the
407 regular program expenditures for the town for the prior fiscal year,
408 and (B) the amount of the aid increase paid to the town as calculated
409 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, except that no town shall be
410 required to spend more on regular program expenditures than one
411 hundred ten per cent of the product of the foundation for such year
412 and the total need students of the town for the prior school year.

413 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30, 1997, the
414 regular program expenditures of a town shall not be less than the
415 lesser of (A) the sum of the regular program expenditures for the town
416 for the prior fiscal year, and the amount of the aid increase paid to a
417 town pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (B) the sum of the
418 town's minimum expenditure requirement cap as determined by the
419 Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, and
420 the sum of any aid increases paid to a town pursuant to subsection (b)
421 of this section after the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

422 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the regular program
423 expenditures of a town shall be the lesser of the sum of (A) its
424 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
425 1997, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
426 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
427 town's resident student count for October 1996, using the data of
428 record as of December 1, 1996, and its final audited resident student
429 count for October 1993, by one-half of the foundation, or the sum of (i)
430 its minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June
431 30, 1997, and (ii) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this
432 section.

433 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, the regular program
434 expenditures of a town shall be the lesser of the sum of (A) its
435 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,

436 1998, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
437 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
438 town's resident student count for October 1997, using the data of
439 record as of December 1, 1997, and the town's resident student count
440 for October 1996, using the data of record as of December 1, 1996, by
441 one-half of the foundation, or the sum of (i) its minimum expenditure
442 requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and (ii) its aid
443 increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

444 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the regular program
445 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
446 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
447 1999, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
448 (C) the result obtained by multiplying the difference between the
449 town's resident student count for October 1998, using the data of
450 record as of December 1, 1998, and the town's resident student count
451 for October 1997, using the data of record as of December 1, 1997, by
452 one-half of the foundation.

453 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the regular program
454 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
455 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
456 2000, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
457 (C) if the resident student count for October 1999, is less than the
458 resident student count for October 1998, the result obtained by
459 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
460 for October 1999, using the data of record as of December 1, 1999, and
461 the town's resident student count for October 1998, using the data of
462 record as of December 1, 1998, by one-half of the foundation.

463 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the regular program
464 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
465 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
466 2001, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
467 (C) if the resident student count for October 2000, is less than the
468 resident student count for October 1999, the result obtained by

469 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
470 for October 2000, using the data of record as of December 1, 2000, and
471 the town's resident student count for October 1999, using the data of
472 record as of December 1, 1999, by one-half of the foundation.

473 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the regular program
474 expenditures of a town shall be no less than the sum of (A) its
475 minimum expenditure requirement for the fiscal year ending June 30,
476 2002, (B) its aid increase pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and
477 (C) if the resident student count for October 2001, is less than the
478 resident student count for October 2000, the result obtained by
479 multiplying the difference between the town's resident student count
480 for October 2001, using the data of record as of December 1, 2001, and
481 the town's resident student count for October 2000, using the data of
482 record as of December 1, 2000, by one-half of the foundation.

483 Sec. 63. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the
484 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
485 thereof:

486 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply
487 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this
488 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project
489 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of
490 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or
491 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to
492 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply
493 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant
494 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be
495 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school
496 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the
497 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the
498 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered
499 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and
500 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for
501 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of

502 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and
503 standards for school construction established by the State Board of
504 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications
505 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-
506 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the
507 educational needs of the applicant.

508 Sec. 64. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
509 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

510 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special
511 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,
512 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of
513 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)
514 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education
515 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
516 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special
517 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property or in
518 permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-154, and who
519 are not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts
520 established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-99a, shall be
521 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special education
522 instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board of
523 Education, in an amount equal to five times the average per pupil
524 educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal year,
525 determined in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of
526 section 10-76f. The State Board of Education shall pay on a current
527 basis any costs in excess of the local or regional boards' basic
528 contribution paid by such board in accordance with the provisions of
529 this subsection. Any amounts paid by the State Board of Education on
530 a current basis pursuant to this subsection shall not be reimbursable in
531 the subsequent year. Application for such grant shall be made by filing
532 with the Department of Education, in such manner as prescribed by
533 the commissioner, annually on or before December first a statement of
534 the cost of providing special education pursuant to this subsection,
535 provided a board of education may submit, not later than [February]

536 March first, claims for additional children or costs not included in the
537 December filing. Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be
538 made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-
539 five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in [April] May.
540 The amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this
541 subsection shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such
542 aid, provided the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the
543 grant, which relates to special education expenditures incurred in
544 excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
545 expenditures, as a reduction in expenditures by crediting such
546 expenditure account, rather than town revenue. Such expenditure
547 account shall be so credited no later than thirty days after receipt by
548 the treasurer of necessary documentation from the board of education
549 indicating the amount of such special education expenditures incurred
550 in excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
551 expenditures."

552 Strike line 1340 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
553 thereof:

554 "sections 1 to 6, inclusive, 8 to 36, inclusive, 38 to 48, inclusive, 50 to
555 64, inclusive"